

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Koyama et al.  
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Title: **MOLD FOR CASTING AND METHOD OF SURFACE  
TREATMENT THEREOF**

**AMENDMENT-B**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 27 September, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks and Discussion** begin on page 6 of this paper.